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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 7800

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM PINT IT CI  
SUBJECT: ITALIAN EMBASSY ASYLEE RAFAEL GONZALEZ

REF: STATE 224258

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH RAFAEL GONZALEZ ON SEPTEMBER 21 AT WHICH TIME HE READ AND MADE MINOR SPELLING AND GRAMMATICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE TRANSCRIPTS OF HIS JANUARY 1977 CONVERSATIONS. GONZALEZ RECONFIRMED THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT THAT HE WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TRANSCRIPTS BUT WOULD NOT RETAIN A COPY.

2. GONZALEZ EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRANSCRIPTS. HE WAS WORRIED THAT THE GOI MIGHT ACQUIRE A COPY (WE SAID THAT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD AND WOULD NOT, -- BUT WOULD SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM WASHINGTON). GONZALEZ THEN SAID HE WISHED TO RETRACT HIS EARLIER PERMISSION TO RELEASE THE DOCUMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. HE GAVE US A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THIS EFFECT.

3. COMMENT: AT THE TIME OF THE JANUARY MEETINGS, WE EXPLAINED CLEARLY TO GONZALEZ THAT THE TRANSCRIPTS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE RELEASED TO THE CONGRESS ON REQUEST. GONZALEZ CLEARLY ACCEPTED THAT PROVISIO. HE NOW FEARS THAT CONGRESS WILL USE THE TRANSCRIPTS TO  
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"POLITICIZE" HIS PLIGHT AND GENERATE WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE UNHELPFUL PUBLICITY.

4. THE EMBASSY'S RE-READING OF THE TRANSCRIPTS HAS NOT TURNED UP ANY MATERIAL SO SENSITIVE THAT IT COULD NOT BE TRANSMITTED TO THE CONGRESS, CARRYING THE CURRENT SECURITY CLASSIFIECATION.

5. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO THE POSSIBLE APPLICABILITY OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE EFFECT OF GONZALEZ'S RETRACTION ON HIS INITIAL CONSENT TO RELEASE THE TRANSCRIPTS TO THE LEGISLATURE.

6. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE GONZALEZ ASSURANCES THAT THE TRANSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOI. PLEASE.

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